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(ii) cleaving diverse polymers from the solid substrate by cleaving the cleavable linkers, thereby creating a mixture of diverse unbound polymers; and

(iii) measuring [a property of the mixture] <u>presence</u> of diverse unbound polymers as an indicator of the efficiency of the synthesizing step.

2. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein each of the labeled polymers

comprises a single isomeric label [optical isomer].

3. (Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the labeled unbound polymers are heterogeneous by <u>number of monomeric units</u> [size], and wherein the method further comprises separating the labeled unbound polymers by <u>number of monomeric units</u> [size].

- 4. (Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the labeled unbound polymers are heterogeneous by <u>number of monomeric units</u> [size], and wherein the method further comprises separating the labeled unbound polymers by charge using ion exchange chromatography.
- 5. (Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein each of the labeled unbound polymers are heterogeneous by <u>number of monomeric units</u> [size], and wherein the method further comprises separating the labeled unbound polymers by <u>number of monomeric units</u> [size] using capillary gel electrophoresis.

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10. (Amended) A method for measuring the effect of altering a polymer array synthesis protocol, comprising:

(i) synthesizing an array of diverse polymers occupying different regions on

a planar surface on a solid support by a first synthesis protocol, thereby creating a reference array

of polymers;

(ii) synthesizing an array of diverse polymers occupying different regions on a

planar surface on a solid support synthesized by a second synthesis protocol, wherein the second

synthesis protocol is different than the first synthesis protocol, thereby creating a test array of

polymers;

(iii) cleaving separately the reference array of polymers and the test array of

polymers, thereby creating a mixture of diverse cleaved polymers from the reference array and

a mixture of diverse cleayed polymers from the test array;

(iv) measuring [a property of the mixture] presence of diverse cleaved polymers

from the test array as an indicator of the efficiency of the first synthesis procedure and measuring

[a property of the mixture] presence of diverse cleaved polymers from the reference array as an

indicator of the efficiency of the second synthesis procedure, thereby determining whether a

difference between the first and second synthesis procedures affects the efficiency of the second

synthesis procedure.

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(Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the label is a single isomeric label

[optical isomer].

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